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## **KMR Group Foundation awards record number of scholarships**

VANCOUVER, WA. May 26, 2016 — KMR Group Foundation, a Vancouver private nonprofit, has awarded a record number of college scholarships to 31 Clark County high school graduates who will attend Clark College and Washington State University Vancouver this fall.

“Our goal each year is to award 25 deserving students the opportunity to chase their academic dreams,” said Kate Jones, KMR Founder and Executive Director. “But this year the selection process was so difficult and the candidates so outstanding that we decided to award all the finalists a KMR scholarship.”

KMR created its scholarship program to enhance individual and community development. Jones believes that by helping students achieve their academic goals the foundation is preparing Clark County’s future leaders.

The KMR scholarship pays up to \$3,500 toward tuition and books and is renewable for four years. Each student can receive up to \$14,000 in that four-year period. The value of the 2016 scholarships is \$434,000.

This year’s recipients are: Kristen Hall of River HomeLink High School; Stephanie Do of Henrietta Lacks Health and Bioscience High School; Kendra Herigstad of Camas High School; Inna Mirgorodova of Union High School; Olivia Jones and Riley Smetzler of Ridgefield High School; Caroline Wade, Justine Spritzer and Paige Horton of La Center High School; Hannah Roberts, Catherine Chaisson and Magnus Kofoed of Columbia River High School; Taylor Riordan and Andrew Nevue of Skyview High School; Cory Chapin, Kinai Kiyokawa and Liam Sarkinen of Hockinson High School; Kody Laurence, Htu Shan and Courtney Gaasland of Evergreen High School; Felix Valencia, Castine Cruz and Makena Kerr of Fort Vancouver High School; Melissa Martinez, Moneca Roath, Lynsey Gates, My My Le, Jadyn Palosaari and Emma Reyes of Heritage High School; Madison Reeves and Roe Dyer of Battle Ground High School.



KMR also continued its nursing scholarship program at Washington State University Vancouver by awarding eight scholarships. The grants cover a significant portion of the summer classes for the students, who will all graduate at the end of the semester. KMR created this scholarship after learning that most scholarships and grants won't cover the summer semester.

Jones and her husband, Marty Rifkin, founded KMR to give back to the local community. The foundation's dedicated team commits their time and energy to giving children of all ages an opportunity for success and development through the creation and sponsorship of innovative programs and academic scholarships.

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